

Service Hours

***8:00am and 10:30am
Fall/Winter service
hours***

With Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12

***Office Hours for
Pastor LeCrone:***

Monday & Tuesday

10:00AM- 2:00PM

And

Thursday

10:00AM-12noon



***The church office will
be closed***

***Tuesday, January 1st for the
New Year's holiday.***

The Spectrum

January 2019

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, Jan. 6th

Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Coffee hour

Sunday, Jan. 13th

Baptism of Our Lord

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, Jan. 20th

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger Offering

Coffee hour

Sunday, Jan. 27th

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Time for a Reboot?

First of all, I'd like to thank those of you who showered me with goodies during the last few weeks of December. There were so many gifts of "the three c's" (cards, cookies, and candies), that it began to get hard to keep track of who gave what! So, please let this note serve as my sincere thanks to all who gave goodies this Christmas season!

Here's the thing, though. As delicious as it all was, I'm starting to go through something that I suspect most of us experience this time of year. My waistline (not to mention my bathroom scale) is starting to tell me something: it may be time for a change in eating habits. It may be time ... for a reboot.



Okay, the choice of the word "may" is probably a bit generous. It **IS** time for a reboot. I don't want to speak for anyone else, but in my case, it is definitely time for some changes back to a more healthy routine. But just as the new year is a popular time for us to reset our fitness habits, it's also a good time for us to take stock of where we are spiritually. The easiest way of doing that is to ask ourselves how we are doing at what Jesus called "the greatest commandments". Are we loving God with all of our hearts, souls, and minds? And are we loving our neighbors as ourselves?

None of us is perfect. Even at the best of times, it does not take much reflection to find examples in our lives where the answer is "no". But the good news of the gospel is that we do not earn salvation this way. It has already been won for us by the one whose birth we just celebrated. It is, however, how we grow in relationship and show our gratitude for the Savior. So, it's never a bad idea to recommit ourselves with the occasional reboot.

As such, I'd like to offer you something from my United Methodist heritage that can help us kick off a "spiritual reboot": John Wesley's covenant prayer*. This prayer is part of a more comprehensive worship service that some United Methodists still observe at the start of the year. I share it with you along with my prayers that we will all grow in Christ in the coming year:

*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."*

In Christ,

Rev. Jeff LeCrone
Interim Pastor

SEW FINE QUILTERS

Meet Monday, Jan. 14th from 9AM-3PM in Bell Hall. Come and go as your time permits. Please join us for a provided lunch at 12noon. All are welcome to join!



SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawl Ministry meet for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, Jan. 22nd from 9AM-12noon**, in the Chapel. All are welcome !



OUTREACH MINISTRY



THANK YOU for the generous response to “Good Gifts” found on our Advent Tree. As of this date, you have given over \$4,000.00, which will purchase the items you ordered from the catalog. Your caring about our sisters and brothers in the Global community will make a difference in their lives by the sustainable gift they received from you. Thanks be to God.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR We'll begin the New Year with our Lunch with Pastor group at the **Villa, 2016 E Third St, on Wednesday, January 16th**. Come and enjoy a delicious Italian meal with us and Pastor Jeff. Our reservation will be for 12:00 noon. All are invited!

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE will meet on **Friday, January 18th, 2019**, in the home Linda Liptak. We begin with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. followed by the study, which is taken from the January issue of *Gather* magazine. Pick up a copy outside the church office. All women are invited. Please let Linda if you will be attending.

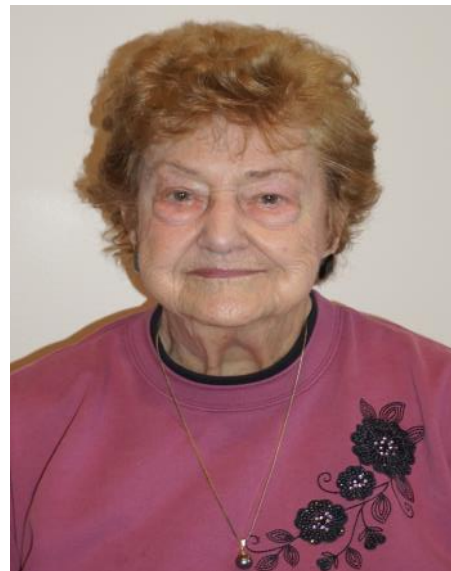
WELCOME!

New Members



Heather Allegar recently relocated to Williamsport from Harrisburg, where she was a member of Trinity, Camp Hill. She is returning to St. Luke, having been confirmed here in ninth grade. Heather is a massage therapist and has also worked as a speech therapist and in business management. She has two sons: Charley (named for his grandfather, Pastor Coates), a graduate student at Johns Hopkins in Washington, D.C., and Daniel, a graduate of Dickinson College living in Boston.

Marian Owen is transferring from Garman Lutheran Church in Avis, where she has been a member for many years. She lived on a farm not far from the church, where she and her husband Jim raised their five children. Marian is now living at the Williamsport Home Apartments. She lives in the same building as her sister, Leah Lewis. Marian enjoys worshipping at St. Luke and is looking forward to getting to know her new church family.



Memorial Gift

The members of St. Luke Lutheran Church send a note of appreciation to David Bailey for his time and expertise in the creation and construction of the new mahogany altar flower stands. They are truly a work of art! What a wonderful memorial gift of such exceptional quality.



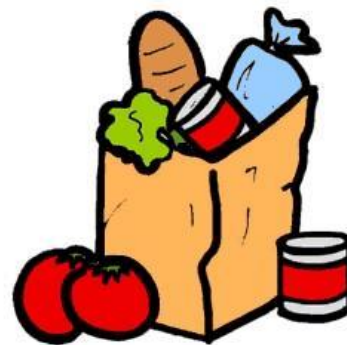
The altar flower stands have been given in memory of Linda F. Herbst, by her daughter's Barbara Herbst and Stephanie Herbst-Confer. The dedication of the new mahogany flower stands will be at the 10:30 worship service on January 20th.

If you are interested in sponsoring the altar flowers for any Sunday during the year, please contact Becky Lewis at 570-321-6235. We now have the opportunity for two sets of altar flowers for each Sunday of the year.

SERVICE MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks so much! The intake of food this past November for the Harvest Festival added up to more than 70 bags. The volunteers at the Food Pantry were very happy to receive St. Luke's donation these generous gifts, ease the worries of many families.

Thirty-five completed Seafarer's bags for 2018 Christmas were finished in November. Each had a sweatshirt, a t- shirt, 3 pair of heavy socks, a large candy bar or a jar of peanuts, and a set of hand-knitted scarf and hat. Thanks to the AMAZING St. Luke knitters for the outstanding response to the request for a bit-of-home for each bag. In addition to the sets, 19 hats and 3 scarves were sent to give out any other time of the year.



It is time to think about the 2019 Seafarers Christmas collection. We ask for your response in January in hopes you will take advantage of the after Christmas sales to purchase sweat shirts, t-shirts, and socks. There will be a table in the back of the church with a box underneath to place your donations. Remember, heavy sweatshirts with or without a hood in sizes large or extra large, T-shirts in sizes medium or large, and 3 pair of heavy white socks. The Seafarers like the shirts and sweat shirts with racing car drivers or sports teams.

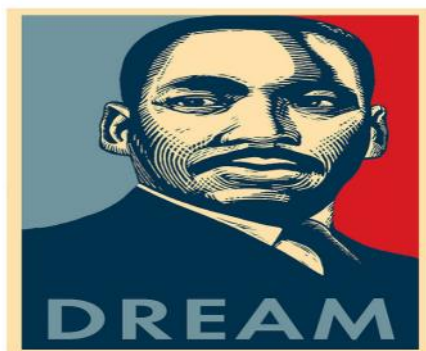
Thanks for your support and have a blessed 2019.

Service Ministry

DAY OF SERVICE in memory of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 21st at 9am Step/AmeriCorps will coordinate a Meal Packing Event for a Day of Service Project which will be held from **9am-11am at the Lycoming College Recreation Center**. Meals will be distributed through our local Food Bank. For more information, see Pastor LeCrone.

**This would make a great way to mark the birthday of the “man with a dream.”*



Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in January:

01/01 Wolfe, Linda
01/02 Confer, Addison
01/02 Eshleman, Audrey
01/02 Jean, Trent
01/04 Ogurcak, Janice
01/04 Scampone, Karen
01/05 Heaps, Charles
01/05 Keller, Judith
01/06 Fisher, Sondra
01/08 Baldys, Karen
01/10 Lewandowski, Doris
01/12 Borch, Andrew
01/13 Rhodes, Dwight
01/16 Tignor, Lore
01/17 McCullough, Barbara
01/19 Merkel, William
01/20 Young, Sarah
01/23 Croyle, Ruth
01/23 Liptak, Linda
01/24 Baldys, Alice
01/24 Bobst, Nancy
01/24 Karnes, Constance
01/24 Morrison, Karen
01/26 Harris, Andrew
01/26 Reeder, Wilma
01/26 Tomasella, Marissa
01/27 Harris, Juliet
01/29 Hershey, Theoron
01/31 Kelsey, John



Happy Anniversary.....

01/22 Shade, Lynn & David
01/29 Knaus, Joan & Hank



Date	Greeters	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Asst. Min.	Administrant	Comm. Helpers
6th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty		Nancy McCarty	
10:30	Jim & Becky Donnell	Bill Merkel Charles & Sue Duchman	Ethan Strother	Jay Nau	Marilyn Eshleman	Marilyn Eshle- man/ Mark Bergren	Carole Harris & Taormina Family
13th 8:00		Chris Knaur		John McNassor		John McNassor	
10:30	Sue Beidler	Same	Dillan Read	Cheryl Newburg	Charles Mahler	Patty Durand/ Carol Steck	Baldys Family / Ali Wyland
20th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Ed Kelley		Ed Kelley	
10:30	Bob & Kathy Borch	Same	Sam Mahler	Hanne Schuman	Carol Steck	Charles Mextorf/ Nancy wood	Fortin Family
27th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty		Nancy McCarty	
10:30	Nancy McCarty	Same	Madalyn Fortin	Susan Horn	Chip Edmonds	David & Margot Briggs	Bob Markle/Karen Scampone/ Charles Mahler
<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Flower Delv.</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Lav Callers</u>	<u>Comm. Clean-up</u>	<u>Nurserv</u>	<u>Altar Care</u>
6th	Coffee Hour	Mark & Karen Bergren	B. Lewis/ Nancy McCarty	Dan & Barb Lamade	MJ Webster	Andrea Clark/ Ali Wyland	TBA
13th		Rick & Diane Gonzalez	Chris Pysher/ Janet Matz	Terry & Cindy Belle	Janet Matz/ MJ Webster	Jessie Young/ Olivia Strother	
20th	Coffee hour	Nancy McCarty/ Joann Wolfe	Terry Belles/ Dan Wolfe	Bill & Linda Liptak	Linda & Dan Wolfe	Joann Wolfe/ Jana Seyler	
27th		Larry & Sandy Moyer	Janet Matz/ Linda Wolfe	Dan & Melanie Taormina	Bill & Glenda Merkel	Alex Seyler/ Sam Mahler	

***Thank you for serving in these important ministries of St. Luke.
If you cannot serve, please make arrangements for a substitute and let Sarah
know in the office so she can correct the schedule.***